

WATERFALL BYWAY

The Waterfall Byway winds 98 miles through five of the state's westernmost counties and earns its name from the 200 waterfalls that surround the route. In fact, Transylvania County, where the byway begins, is known as "Land of the Waterfalls" for the many waterfalls and trout streams in the area.

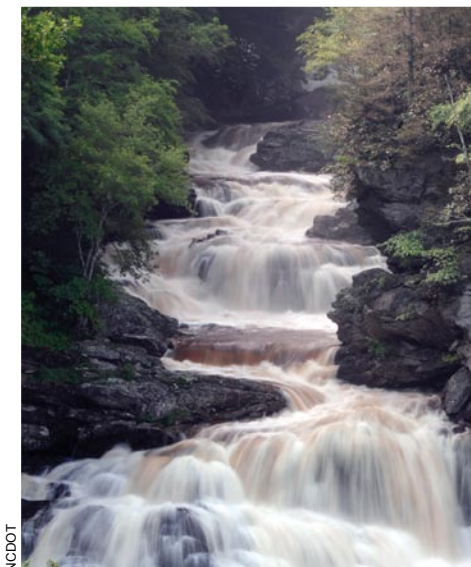
Beginning at the intersection of U.S. 64 and N.C. 215 near Rosman, travel west along U.S. 64 and cross the French Broad River, whose name means "racing waters" in Cherokee. **Continue on U.S. 64 West seven miles to the curve where U.S. 64 crosses the Toxaway River at Toxaway Falls.**

The beautiful Toxaway Falls are on the left with Lake Toxaway on the right. Be careful not to park on the shoulder of the road as it is unsafe for both motorists and pedestrians. Nearby local merchants provide limited parking for motorists to enjoy the falls. **From Toxaway Falls, travel three miles into the Sapphire Valley resort area. Also, pass Fairfield and Sapphire lakes, both privately owned, and into Jackson County before crossing the Horse Pasture River, 1.5**

miles east of Cashiers.

The town of Cashiers, located at the intersection of U.S. 64 and N.C. 107, is about 10 miles from Toxaway Falls. Pronounced *cash-ers* by locals, the town is one of the oldest resort communities settled by Low Country South Carolinians who wanted to get away from the coastal summer heat and humidity. South Carolina Gov. and Confederate Gen. Wade Hampton's summer home, "High Hampton," was located south of Cashiers and is still a favored resort. The headwaters of the Chattooga River are within the town's limits.

From Cashiers, travel four miles to Cowee Gap. From the gap, at the headwaters of the Cullasaja River, it is eight winding miles into Macon County and the town of Highlands, the highest incorporated community on the East Coast. **Follow U.S. 64 through this quaint resort town.**



Cullasaja Falls

